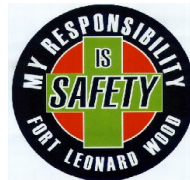




Fatality Alert 07-04

POV Fatality on HWY 32



On 16 Dec 06, 0935 hrs, a Soldier was driving his 2006 Dodge 1500 East on Missouri Highway 32, 2.5 miles East of Lebanon. The vehicle traveled over the centerline, and the driver over corrected, causing the vehicle to travel off the North shoulder of the roadway. The driver again overcorrected, causing the vehicle to return to the roadway and cross the center line. He overcorrected again, causing the vehicle to skid off the North edge of the roadway, where it overturned and struck a tree. The Soldier was pronounced dead at the scene by the County Coroner. Both occupants were wearing seat belts. The passenger, the Soldier's spouse was taken to St. John's Hospital and is in stable condition. The cause of the accident is not yet known.

To prevent POV accidents, all personnel must diligently follow the basic rules for safe driving:

- Don't drink and drive
- Don't drive too fast for road and environmental conditions
- Don't drive when drowsy
- Don't allow your attention to be distracted from your driving
- Always wear a seat belt, and make sure all passengers also do so
- Always be alert and maintain situational awareness
- Always watch out for the other guy, other drivers who may do something dangerous
- If operating a motorcycle, be sure you have completed a motorcycle safety course, are wearing all required safety clothing and equipment, and are especially careful to follow the rules for safe operation
- Above all, practice personal risk management and drive responsibly

Leaders must:

- Practice composite risk management: Know their personnel and help them to identify potential hazards associated with their off-duty plans and to establish personal accident prevention measures
- Stress personal responsibility and safety awareness
- Hold personnel accountable who violate vehicle operation regulations
- Know which of their personnel are high-risk drivers and focus special attention on helping them avoid POV accidents
- Know which of their personnel operate motorcycles, ensure that they have completed motorcycle safety training, ensure that they know all safety clothing and equipment that they are required to wear, and hold them accountable for violations of these requirements
- Focus special attention on personnel who have recently returned from OEF or OIF
- Ensure that personnel complete the ASMIS-2 POV risk assessment, prior to pass, leave, TDY, or HHS

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